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A Delicate, Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule, 6 0.60

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A Superior Breakfast Claret, 4 4.50

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TELEGRAMS.

THE FRENCH MINISTRY.

LONDON, February 22nd.

The crisis with regard to the French Ministry continues, and it is thought that dissolving will now be the only course.

THE EGYPTIAN BUDGET.

February 23rd.

The Egyptian Budget has been published, and shows a surplus of more than one million over that of last year. The Government reserve fund now amounts to nearly three million pounds.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Shanghai* left Shanghai for Hongkong this afternoon.

Those who wish they had their lives to live over again should remember that two failures are worse than one.

AN Emergency meeting of Zealand Lodge, No. 235, E.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Friday, the 11th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

DESCRIBING a collision between a steamer and a sloop, a Singapore paper says:—The steamer was struck and sunk, the passengers bailing on to the sloop until they were picked up by some passing boats.

THE value of the Japanese porcelain export trade during the year 1890 was \$1,246,000, and that of last year, although the returns are not yet complete, is estimated to exceed even these figures. The United States take the bulk of the business.

THE German steamship *Hahn*, 547 tons, now in port, has just been chartered by a Chinese firm at Shanghai at the rate of \$3,500 per month to run between Shanghai and north China ports for a period of nine months. She will sail hence for Shanghai in a day or two.

DONNER and Blitzen, mein Freund, you are doing in the office mit ein vltz drit schrit.

"Ach, Himmel! I was last night to die wedded gone, and to-night again shall I to die wedded go, and it was not quite-vert to take it off!"

WOODYEAR'S Circus had, we were pleased to note, a better audience last night, and as the weather is now pleasant than it has been, the performance was enjoyed to the full extent of its merits. The programme is to be repeated to-night, and to-morrow a new programme, with several most original features, will be introduced.

A HONGKONG girl had been to Europe for a year and had lost the run of things local some time. One morning after her return she met a girl who was in the sweetest period a year before.

"Ah," she said, "howdy do! just as much love as ever, I suppose?"

"Oh, no," was the innocent reply. "I'm married now."

The popular Canton river "night boat" *Powan* while en route to the City of Rams last night experienced very heavy weather during the greater part of the trip and, while passing through the lower Whampoa reaches, ran ashore on one of the mud flats in mid-stream near what is known as the Marco Polo-Joss-house. On getting off, she returned last evening at 4.30 the afternoon, and after landing her passengers and cargo proceeded to the Hungnam dock for the purpose of having her rudder-pot, which is slightly damaged, examined. Her place in the river service has been taken by the *Honam*. The *Powan* will probably resume running to Canton on Sunday afternoon. The *Powan*'s saloon passengers were brought to Hongkong this morning by the *Honam*.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board to-morrow (Friday, March 4th) at 4.15 p.m., the agenda will be—1. Letters from the Honorable Colonial Secretary regarding—(a). The appointment of Mr. J. R. Crook as Surveyor. (b). The letting of public land. (c). The completion of the Vaccination Institute. (d). The disinfection and unloading of the remains of the Chinese dead. (e). The Analyst's monthly reports on the public water supplies. 2. Reports of analyses on samples of water drawn from the Taitam and Poko-lam conduits and mains in January and February, 1892. 3. Mortality Return for the weeks ended the 13th, 20th and 27th February, 1892. 4. Surveyor's report on the condition of the houses in the North End. 5. Report of the Sanitary Inspector's report for the month of February, 1892.

THE second steward of the *Empress of India* was summoned before Mr. Wise to-day on a charge of insubordination and desertion. As he failed to appear, a warrant was issued for his arrest, which was effected this afternoon, for contempt of court, in addition, to the original charges.

ONE of the crew of the British steamer *Radnorshire*, then in the port of Yokohama, was attacked by small-pox on the 20th ult., and was removed to the hospital. Nine additional cases of small-pox were officially reported in the same city on the 22nd ult.

A TRIAL of Charbonnages Co's coal was made on board the *Avon* yesterday afternoon. The chief engineers of the *Imperial*, *Alcort*, *Pamiat Avon*, and *Triumph*, and a large number of officers, naval and mercantile, and several Hongkong gentlemen were present. The trip lasted several hours, and all the experts present were highly satisfied with the results.

THE net profits of the Bank of Japan during the second half of last year amounted to yen 1,474,491.431, of which yen 200,000,000 was set apart as a reserve, yen 150,000,000 as a special reserve, yen 77,000,000 as remuneration to officers, yen 70,000,000 as expenses for construction of new buildings, and yen 75,000,000 as a dividend for the half-year to be declared at the rate of 15 per cent. per annum, yen 137,431,431 being carried forward to the next account.

BISHOP BURTON, Dr. Ethel, and his Excellency the Governor should hold a meeting to consider the following specimens, from the Police School at the Central Station yesterday:—

"Composition"—She was round her pet, and she saw smoke, she thought it was a fire, she ran to No. 5 Station, got on her Wellington boots, turned out the Fire Brigade, and extinguish the fire, and then ran back to No. 5 Station and rang the Fire Alarm Bell.—Candidate passed.

SCOUER gave his closing exhibition on the parade ground yesterday, and left for Macao to-day. The few watches still unwrapped in Hongkong were present with their owners, and subsequently with several light-fingered artists. The police having been informed of various thefts, Inspector Quincey and Detective Madden unearthed quite a lot of "tickers" in pawnshops down east, and tracked the thieves with great success. Three Chinamen were charged before Mr. Wise with a number of pocket-pickings, and as their identity was proved by the pawnbrokers and others, and a long list of previous convictions had been recorded against them, they were sent to gaol for six months each.

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.

Thibet steamer, from Singapore.

Haitong " " " " Kutchinco.

Gaitle " " " " San Fichico.

Stars Nordike " " " " Shanghai.

Tarapaca " " " " Foochow.

Aggregating 10,650 tons, register.

Outward.

Mirapora steamer, for Singapore.

Kylin " " " " Manila.

Namoa " " " " Swatow, &c.

Agala " " " " Singapore.

Yunnan " " " " Swatow.

Namshan " " " " Swatow.

Benader " " " " Saigon.

Moray " " " " Shanghai.

Propolis " " " " Saigon.

Loosch " " " " Saigon.

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THE *Sydney Bulletin*—Before Judge Boucaut, at Adelaide, a youth named Saunders was tried recently on a charge of criminal assault on a child of 16, and was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment and one flogging. The prisoner was one-half unlettered barbarian, and one-half imbecile. He had lived all his life in the bush, and could neither read nor write. He was utterly guileless of every variety of knowledge, save possibly a casual acquaintance with bullocks. He knew nothing of the world outside his own little patch of bush, and was ignorant of religion or of the existence of a God—in which respect he and the commonest have been very much alike, for the latter institution knew anything of a God it didn't act up to the character. The prisoner didn't even know his own age, but imagined he was about 16. To all outward appearance he would have been nearer the mark. Neither of his parents turned up to say or do anything on his behalf; he was friendless, penniless, undefended, and unexpectably ignorant and helpless. The proceedings were about as one-sided as if a horse or a dog had been in the dock instead of an alleged human being. The miserable wretch was the hopeless victim of circumstance from the beginning, and Judge Boucaut being the last circumstance he encountered, he became his victim in turn. Saunders will be benefited by 10 years and a flogging, just as much as an *ourang outang* would be, and no more. He might possibly be reclaimed by education. It is too dull and brutal for education he might be, but he is not a brute, and he goes to church in a more satisfied spirit after the ceremony. And though Saunders is the poorest and meanest kind of victim that can well be imagined, the genuine, cash-on-delivery would rather fog an imbecile boy than not fog anybody at all.

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manner and pass astern of the boat and then return as if to strike her on the beam. The British officers on board were much impressed with the workings of the torpedo. The official trial for the Admiralty will take place next week.

It is likely that Parliamentary legislation next year will cut off bogus American companies in London. A special committee has been appointed to investigate the subject, which met during the closing weeks of the last session, but the sittings were discontinued because it became plain that no useful report could be drawn up before Parliament adjourned.

The Times correspondent at Paris says the German Emperor wanted to have Archbishop Kopp made Cardinal at the December Consistory, but the Pope, instigated by Cardinal Ledochowski, declined to appoint him. It appears the appointment of Cardinal Ledochowski as Prefect of the Propaganda will please neither France, Germany, Russia, nor Italy.

A report is published to-day that Lord Toller, who died recently, bequeathed to the Duke and Duchess of Teck and Princess Victoria Mary of Teck, *duchess of the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale*, the greater part of his fortune, amounting to nearly £70,000 a year. If this report is true the fortune will be a godsend to the Duke and Duchess of Teck, as they are not blessed with a superabundance of wealth.

The Laureate's poem on the death of the Duke of Clarence will be published in the *Nineteenth Century* for February. The poem, long thought to have been written by the Laureate, will give some idea of Lord Tennyson's style in this, his latest effort.

The bridegroom falls upon the bride. The shadow of a crown that over his head has vanished in the shadow of death.

This dirge has only seventeen lines, and as will be seen from the above specimen, is hardly up to the standard of the Laureate's reputation.

Six thousand engineers employed in works on the rivers Weser, Tyne and Tees have struck, in consequence of a dispute regarding payment for overtime.

Reports were received to-day of Highland floods, which are causing devastation in Scotland. The valley of the Kyle of Sutherland, near the northern extremity of Scotland, has been converted into an immense lake, causing great loss of property and distress among the people. A number of houses have been submerged and many sheep drowned.

The late premises of the famous Pelican Club will go to the hammer, negotiations for reopening the house having fallen through, and many of the old members will join the new Girdle Club, at Rerent and Jernyn streets.

A dispatch from Rio Janeiro says there has been another attempt to depose the Governor of the province of San Paulo, Brazil, but the uprising was again a failure.

Two men were killed and seven dangerously injured by the collapse of a public hall at Hildesheim.

A part of the city of Perth, Scotland, is inundated, and in many portions of the country the railways are flooded.

PARIS, January 30th.

The decree putting into force the new tariff law has been signed by President Carnot. France at this moment is in precisely the same position as that in which the United States found themselves on the eve of the application of the McKinley tariff. To-morrow she will see an economic revolution, which, owing to her great wealth, she did not need.

The new tariff will make of France, after nearly thirty years of almost free trade, the greatest protectionist country in Europe. What will come from the change only the future can decide. The immediate results have been an increase in the wages of Custom-house officials, an increase in the work of dock laborers, and a feverish fit of activity in railroad and shipping business on the frontier.

All the great seaports are choked up with imports which it is hoped will be admitted before the expiration of the present tariff, at midnight to-morrow. The block is particularly great on the Spanish Northern and French Midland lines, which have never known such an accumulation of freight. At Bordeaux shipping firms have, in order to save time, been authorized to make their customs declarations in Paris. In the case of the borders of Spain, the block is made greater by the inadequacy of the railway rolling stock.

The grave inconvenience resulting from the changed tariff is noticeable in the direction of Spain. Senor Canova is now playing Signor Cipriani's game. He has assumed a high-handed attitude in dealing with France, and hints that the commercial strain may throw Spain into the arms of Germany. This state of things, however, is more dangerous to Spain than France.

Italy knows what her commercial hostility to France has cost her, and Spain is even less prepared than Italy to stand an economic strangle, for she has just passed through a serious financial and political crisis, which has threatened the future of her little monarchy, and it will be hard for her to find a market for her exports like France. The maximum tariff will now be applied to Italy, to Spain, to Roumania, and to Portugal, who is closing her frontier against France.

A rupture with Switzerland has been averted by the adoption of the provisional modus vivendi yesterday. Belgium has to-day also adopted the modus vivendi. In virtue of existing treaties the minimum tariff will be applied to Mexico, Chile, Honduras, Hayti and San Domingo. Of the African states the republics of Liberia and Transvaal will also be allowed to avail themselves of the minimum tariff.

All other transatlantic countries will have to submit to the new rates except the United States. The basis of commercial relations with your republic will be determined by a special convention, the outline of which has already been agreed upon by the Governments at Paris and Washington. Privileged rates will be allowed for certain exports from both countries.

The members of the Triple Alliance will not be harmfully affected by the new tariff, and Italy will even gain by it. Germany, in virtue of an article in the treaty of Frankfurt, will avail herself of the minimum tariff. Austria will be in the same position. As a vassal of Turkey, Bulgaria will also enjoy this privilege. England will also share it, thanks to the old treaties.

Poor King Otto of Bavaria, whose return to sanity was at one time hoped for, has been growing steadily worse of late. His mania has taken a more pronounced turn, and his carelessness about his health has resulted in an illness which may at any time be fatal.

LONDON, January 30th.

The Government to-day introduced a bill imposing official salary taxes varying from 5 to 20 per cent and increasing property and other taxes. Many economic reforms are proposed.

The preamble contains a plain statement of the condition of Portugal's finances, placing the deficit at 10,000,000 milreis, the floating debt at 25,000,000 and the aggregate of Governmental advances to financial institutions at 13,000,000 milreis.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 30th.

The Minister of Communications has resigned. He will be succeeded by the Secretary of State.

The final interment of the remains of the Grand Duke Constantine, uncle of the Czar, took place to-day. The services were marked by the pomp and circumstance which attend an imperial funeral.

BERLIN, January 30th.

"Mark Twain" has been appointed to his post for a week with a bad cold, but is now recovering.

The *Verdiche Zeitung* publishes East African advice under date of January 30th, showing that Emin Pasha is making a victorious march to his old quarters. Absence of details throws doubt on the reports.

VIENNA, January 30th.

Since the recent rise in temperature there has been an alarming increase in the number of influenza cases. The disease is aggravated by symptoms of dysentery.

PARIS, January 31st.

According to advice from St. Petersburg the Czar intends to initiate measures for the restoration of serfdom among the peasants. Reports from many districts to officials concur in the statement that the increase of population in the villages is so great that the land belonging to the local communes is insufficient to support all the members.

The Government, with a view to remedying the evil, proposes to allot to peasants vast tracts of land under considerations similar to those of serf tenure, one-third of the harvest to be stored in communal magazines for the support of the peasant; one-third to be sold by the Government for the payment of local debts to the state, and one-third to be retained for the payment of Government taxes.

The peasants will not be allowed to move from the communes but will be bound to the soil and obliged to fulfil their contracts with the state. The system will be first applied in the provinces of Samara and Saratoff, and, if successful, will be extended all over the empire. The negotiations for a commercial treaty between France and the United States are progressing slowly and it will be another week before they are completed.

The *Temps* speaks deprecatingly of the new tariff, saying: "France trade now finds itself confronted by the uncertain and unknown. The *Liberte* and other journals speak in a similar vein.

PARIS, January 31st.

A terrible gas prevailed here yesterday and last night. An enormous amount of damage was done. Several persons were injured by falling tiles.

BERLIN, January 31st.

The Emperor has at last been brought face to face with his Parliament on the Education bill. It is his first check, and he finds that even his own Ministers do not support him. He will be obliged to fight out the battle alone or with only those servile Ministers who echo his every wish, but can give him little help. With the withdrawal from the ministry of men like Miguel, Herfurth and Boetticher, the brains of the Government would be gone. Count Zedlitz, with all his seal, and the Chancellor, with all his well-meaning devotion, could not fill the vacuum.

The situation has been profoundly stirred by the prolonged debate of last week in the Diet, and Liberal Berlin in particular, being a close witness of these scenes, is wrought up to a pitch of intense excitement. The break-up of the parties which has followed up the pushing of the bill by the Emperor's supporters has produced a political convulsion. It is true that Caprivi did not desire a split in the union of Conservatives and National Liberals which made up the strength of the ministerial party. He tried to avoid it by private negotiations with each party, but in the last moment, but the leaders were obstinate and not less so because they were convinced that the Chancellor was at the same moment coming to an understanding with the clericals.

The scenes in the Diet yesterday when Caprivi was delivering his speech were unprecedented in the history of that body. The whole house was turned into a bear garden and the speaker was hissed from every side. Everybody admires the calmness and courage of the Chancellor. Several times he turned upon the mob of members, who were screaming at him, and faced them, defiant and silent, awaiting a fall in the storm to which he would not bend.

CAIRO, January 31st.

It is rumored that Prince Hussein, uncle of the Khedive, will shortly be called on to form a new Ministry, in which he will himself take the office of President of the Council and Minister of the Interior. It is certain that such ministerial changes are inevitable. The presence of the French and Russian fleets has produced a favorable impression.

BRUSSELS, January 31st.

The town of Chimay, in the province of Hainaut, has been visited by a terrible conflagration which destroyed fully one-fourth of the entire number of buildings.

The fire which originated in a church tower, spread with great rapidity. The flames, which were kept very quiet indeed. The Emperor, while engaged in a wild hunt, slipped and fell heavily on his right arm, which was severely bruised and sprained that it had to be kept in a sling for two days, and his majesty was advised to rest it for a longer period. This accident might have had a grave result, for the Emperor's left arm is absolutely useless.

The death is announced, in his eighty-second year, of Alexander Rios Rangabe, the Greek poet, archaeologist and statesman.

RIO JANEIRO, January 31st.

The trouble in the State of San Paulo has resulted in the ousting of the Governor from office.

CAIRO, February 1st.

The French Consul to-day invented the Khedive with the grand cordon of the Legion of Honor.

LONDON, February 1st.

Lord Salisbury to-day spoke at Exeter, where he met with an ovation from the Devonshire Conservatives. He criticized the Liberal programme as obscure, indefinite and full of empty promises. The Radicals were especially ready to assure voters that they could obtain measures at the expense of their neighbors and the eighth commandment. The Liberals appeared to rely on the creation of parish councils as a means to improve the condition of laborers by adding interest to village government. The crystallizing of municipal bodies was overlooked by the advocates of parish councils. He commented on Chamberlain's old-age insurance measure, and said that he was hopeful that this scheme would remedy the distress prevailing among the working classes. It would be effective, however, only when carried out on sound business principles.

Another way of relieving the distress was the creation of small rural holdings, which the Government trusted would confer great advantage by relieving the sufferings of the poorer classes. Ireland, however, remained the burning question of the hour, on which would rest not only the results of the next election, but, perhaps, of the future.

and he appealed to the country to uphold the Union.

The Premier said that possibly the manifest lukewarmness on the Home Rule question was due to the Far left's fostering the notion that its advocates only used the Irish vote as a tool to secure office without intending to grant Home Rule.

The speaker then said that he must beg his auditors to observe, however, that the Irish quarrelled among themselves and vied with each other to obtain the most extreme concessions from Gladstone.

"The first step in concession," declared Lord Salisbury, "will soon lead to others, and eventually place the protection of the Irish people in the hands of the priests, who in all our quarrels with Spain, America and France have invariably fought against us. What could the world think of us if we displayed such weakness? If we fall in this hour of our trial the flowers will be plucked one by one from our diadem of empire and we will slowly recede from the great position handed down to us by our fathers. I appeal to you to make every effort to avert such a growing calamity and disgrace." Lord Salisbury resumed his seat amid a burst of cheers.

Mrs. Osborne, of the great pearl robbery case fame, has decided to surrender herself to the authorities. A sensational ending to this sensational case may be expected. Detectives from Scotland Yard have been vigorously searching places where she was living. Mrs. Weldon's sister, Miss Giora, in France, was long watched by them. At last her counsel and her husband have persuaded the hunted woman to deliver herself to the authorities.

On Saturday Captain Osborne, whose conduct throughout has been the approval of honorable men, went to Iron, on the Franco-Spanish frontier, where his wife had taken refuge, and persuaded her to deliver herself up to the police. She will probably be assigned to Bow street on her return, when there is no recourse for her but to plead guilty. Her sentence will likely be one year's imprisonment, which, in view of her conduct, will be worked out in the infirmary female prison at Woking, where Mrs. Maybrick is confined.

A bottle found floating near one of the Shetland islands, on Birsay sound, and picked up, contained a message from Foula island, of the Shetland group, eighteen miles west of the other islands, stating that owing to the lack of communication with the other islands caused by the exceedingly stormy weather of the past five weeks, the inhabitants of Foula were on the verge of starvation. They had, at the time the bottle was thrown into the water, only a few potatoes and a little meal left.

PARIS, February 1st.

The relations between the United States and France grow closer daily. Besides the understanding which has been arrived at with regard to duties on certain products, an extradition treaty is being negotiated by the Government. The outlines of the projected instrument have been mapped out by Vigaud, secretary to the United States Legation in Paris, and M. Renaud, one of the chief officials of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The draft of the treaty was to-day submitted to Minister Whitelaw Reid and to the French Minister of Justice.

According to officials in authority who have seen the document the project is admirably conceived, and, in fact, is a model for such a treaty. It supplies various links which were omitted in framing the Anglo-American treaty of extradition and legislative ideas of the questions at issue. In all likelihood no changes will be made in the draft by either government concerned. As soon as the treaty is signed Whitelaw Reid intends to leave Paris, unless other pending negotiations should not by then have been completed.

If the sufferers from Consumption, Scrofula and General Debility will try Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites, they will find immediate relief and permanent benefit. The Medical Profession in the various countries of the world universally declare it a remedy of the greatest value, and as it is very palatable it can be readily taken by the most sensitive stomach, and will never fail to give relief and comfort to the sufferer. Any Chemist can supply it. A. S. Watson & Co. (Limited), agents in Hongkong and China.—(Adv.)

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Co-day's Advertisements.

PROF VICTOR VALAZIE'S BALLOON ASCENT AND GREAT DROP FROM THE CLOUDS.

PROFESSOR VICTOR VALAZIE

PREPARING TO JUMP FROM THE CLOUDS will make another ASCENT AT BOWRINGTON, ON SATURDAY, the 5th March, at 5.30 p.m. (weather permitting) WITHIN THE CIRCUS ENCLOSURE.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:—1st Class, \$1.00; 2nd Class, 0.50; 3rd Class, 0.25. S. REICH, General Agent. Hongkong, 1st March, 1892.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASON'S HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 11th March, at 5 for 7.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited. Hongkong, 3rd March, 1892. [280]

Intimations.

NAVAL CONTRACTS, 1892-3.

SEALED TENDERS in duplicate will be received at the Royal Naval Hospital until 10 a.m., on FRIDAY, the 12th March, from persons desirous of supplying MEAT, BREAD, PURE COW'S MILK and other PROVISIONS, MEDICAL COMFORTS, &c., to that Hospital for the year ending 31st March, 1893. Particulars of Tenders and further particulars can be obtained at the Royal Naval Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved. A. TURNBULL, Deputy Secretary General. Royal Naval Hospital, Hongkong, 12th February, 1892. [221]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION. THE SHORT RANGE Handicap Subscription CUP and SPOONS, (to one of which the Handicap allowances will apply) will be shot for on SATURDAY, the 5th instant, at 3 p.m. Ranges 500 and 600 yards. Handicaps will be announced on the Range, or sooner. Cup Subscriptions must be paid in advance. ED. ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 2nd March, 1892. [240]

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having removed his residence to No. 90, WELLINGTON STREET, all CLAIMS against him personally, or against the CHEUNG-TEK KONGSEE (the late OYUM FARM), as well as all papers and correspondence, should be sent to the above address. KOH CHENG SEAN. Hongkong, 29th February, 1892. [235]

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DR. DENTON L. PETERSON, AMERICAN DENTIST. No. 9, CONNAUGHT HOUSE, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 17th February, 1892. [215]

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD WANCHAI. OREGON PINE SPARS and LUMBER. Always on Hand. J. MALLORY. Hongkong, 24th Jan., 1892. [200]

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HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED. DRAPERS, OUTFITTERS, TAILORS, SILK MEN, FURNISHERS.

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THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company on THURSDAY, the 10th day of March, 1892, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of confirming the resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 24th February, 1892:—

"That in the second and third lines of Article 81 of the Articles of Association the words 'one thousand five hundred dollars' be struck out, and that there be substituted therefor the words 'one hundred and fifty dollars.'"

By Order of the Board, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the Kowloon Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. Agents for the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd. Dated this 24th day of February, 1892. [244]

NOTICE. THE SHAMEN HOTEL AND LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Adjourned EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above named Company, will be held in the Company's Office, No. 5, Pedder's Hill, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 14th day of March, 1892, at 2.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the advisability of declaring a Dividend, of electing a new Board of Directors, and of deciding various matters of great importance

